

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Art Unit 4185

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For: HERMETIC COMPRESSOR AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF  
SUCTION MUFFLER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the pending Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Invention I,  
Claims 1-19.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement. No unduly  
extensive or burdensome search would be required to examine the various claims of the noted  
Groups in the same application. MPEP §803 states:

"If the search and examination of an entire  
application can be made without serious burden, the  
Examiner *must* examine it on the merits even  
though it includes claims to distinct or independent  
inventions." (Emphasis added)

In the present case, the search for all pending claims together would not be burdensome.

Moreover, from the standpoint of costs to the Applicants involved in filing, issuance and  
maintenance fees relating to separate applications if the present Restriction Requirement is

maintained, it is clear that there is substantially more burden on Applicants by imposing the present Requirement than on the Patent Office if the Requirement were withdrawn.

In addition, it is noted that to require the claims of the various Groups to issue in separate patents would result in inconvenience to the public by necessitating reference to more than one patent during searching, to review closely related subject matter.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is warranted.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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